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## *USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests*

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## *USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District*

*(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)*

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### **NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY DRAWS 45 VOLUNTEERS**

**Klamath Falls, OR** – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sites in Klamath and Lake County received needed help when 45 volunteers donated 5 hours each for 225 contributed hours to building fence, a kiosk, picnic tables a shade structure, and planting native shrubs during National Public Lands Day (NPLD), Saturday, September 18.

The NPLD projects attracted volunteers from across the region. Volunteers turned out at Gerber Reservoir and sites in the Warner Valley to lend a hand. The Dust Devil Mining Company oversaw activities at Sunstone Gem Collection Area, providing know-how, materials and muscles to install a fence, bulletin board and shade structure in tandem with a number of volunteers and government employees. At Hart Bar and Hart Lake, smaller crews worked to improve a recreation site and learn about water quality. The Klamath County Four Runners 4 Wheel Drive Club and the Lakeview Swim team provided a free lunch for all volunteers. The Lake County Disaster Response Unit was on hand to provide medical assistance if needed. The Public Lands Foundation gave a cash donation to help with water quality monitoring.

"Participation at the local event sites by volunteers and BLM employees was terrific" said Steve Ellis, Lakeview District Manager. "I want like to thank all who helped make this event such a success". In all, more than \$1800 worth of labor and supplies was contributed.

"We are already looking at projects for next years' National Public Lands Day" said Gretchen Burris, BLM Recreation Planner.

The next National Public Lands Day is slated for September 25, 2005.

Nationwide, thousands of people donated time to projects improving public lands. For more information, visit the National Public Lands Day website at <http://www.npld.com>.

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